



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held November 29, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The Boeing Company in Long Beach is the production source of the C-17 Globemaster 111 Transport Jet, which is the workhorse of the military. The current contract for orders of the plane runs out in 2008 and puts at risk 6,500 jobs or about 3 percent of the City’s workforce.

“There is currently a concerted effort underway to press Congress for more C-17s to save the last vestige of an aerospace industry that was crippled by defense cuts in the 1990s. The Pentagon’s independent advisory group, called the Defense Science Board, has recommended that the Long Beach production line cannot be allowed to close when the current production expires. As a result, an amendment has been added to the 2006 Defense Authorization Bill to press the Air Force to buy more C-17s. The Senate voted 89-8 to authorize the amendment; however, the House version of the Bill does not contain this provision, so it is subject for negotiation when the two chambers seek compromise legislation.

“Since the Boeing plant is the last factory in the United States that makes large military transport planes and is important to the economy of our region.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Chief Administrative Officer was instructed to send correspondence to President Bush and the Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation urging approval of the option that the Air Force buy more C-17 Globemaster 111 Transport Jets after 2008, when the contract with the Boeing Company in Long Beach runs out.

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